MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
20 September 1972

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10:00 *CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.*

ADMINISTRATION

1. *Dates of Next Meetings: 18 October 1972*
   15 November 1972

2. *Approval of Minutes of July 1972 Meeting*

3. *September 16th, 1972 appointment of George Weymouth as a member of the Commission of Fine Arts*

4. *Approval of FY 1974 Budget*

SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

1. *Joint Committee on Landmarks*

   Discussion of activities of Landmarks Committee and its relationship to the Commission of Fine Arts

2. *Department of Interior*

   Creation by the Secretary of the Interior of an Interagency Committee to be named the National Memorial Committee and authorization of the Chairman, CFA, or his designee, to serve on this Committee.

3. *Department of the Army*

   Administration Building, Arlington National Cemetery - Proposed Design

4. *D.C. Government, Department of General Services*

   New Correctional Institution for the District of Columbia - Proposed Design

5. *D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development*

   Shipstead-Luce Act

   a. *S.L. 73-9, 2626 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. - Proposed Office Building*

b. S.L. 73-10, 2555 M St., N.W. - Proposed Office Building

c. S.L. 73-8, 400 North Capitol St., N.W. - Proposed Office Building

d. Appendix 1

Old Georgetown Act

a. OG 72-3, 1000 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. - Dodge Center - Review of previous action

b. Appendix 2

6. Federal Bicentennial Coordinating Center

Proposed Seal

LEGISLATION

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To amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 as amended, to provide for the construction of a civic center in the District of Columbia, afop.

2. H.R. 16199-8/3/72-Mr.Gray-92nd C

Same as above.

3. H.R. 16081-7/27/72-Mr. Koch-92nd C

To provide for suitable works of art in Federal Buildings

4. H.R. 14563-4/20/72-Mr. Whitehurst-92nd C

To authorize the Administrator of General Services Administration to contract for the construction of certain parking facilities on federally owned property.

5. S. 3881-8/4/72-Mr.Chiles-92nd C

To provide that meetings of Government agencies and of congressional committees shall be open to the public, afop.

INTERVIEWS

12:00 1. Joint Committee on Landmarks

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Creation of the National Memorial Committee

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
20 September, 1972

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission of Fine arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present:	Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman Hon. Nicolas Arroyo Hon. Jane Dart Hon. Kevin Roche Hon. Edward Stone, Jr. Hon. George Weymouth
Staff Present:	Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary Mr. Donald R. Myer, Assistant Secretary Mr. Jeffrey Carson Mr. J. L. Sibley Jennings, Jr. Miss Marylyn Shaw Miss Lynda Smith
National Capital Planning Commission Staff Present:	Mr. Edward Hromanik

I. ADMINISTRATION

a. Appointment of George Weymouth as member of the Commission of Fine Arts. The Chairman led the membership in welcoming the new member to the Commission, stating that Mr. Weymouth was replacing Gordon Bunshaft.

b. Retirement of Gordon Bunshaft. The Chairman suggested and the Commission concurred that an expression be made of esteem and appreciation for Mr. Bunshaft's eight years of regular and constructive service to the Commission of Fine Arts.

c. Date of Next Meeting tentatively set at 18 October and 15 November, 1972.

d. Minutes of July, 1972 Meeting, Approved.

e. Fiscal Year Budget changes for 1974. The secretary told the Commission Members that it would be necessary to apply for a slight increase for the next budget year to recover previous personnel authorization, including salary increase for present staff and formalization of a part time student clerk position. The Secretary reported that these salary

and personnel slots had been in effect for the Commission up through an economy move several years ago, and that it would be necessary to recover them now to fulfill existing program commitments. The Commission approved the projected increase.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

a. Joint Committee on Landmarks. The Assistant Secretary reminded the Commission Members of the previous meeting's discussion of proposed by-laws for the Landmarks Committee. For the benefit of the new Member the Commission of Fine Arts role as a joint sponsor of this committee to serve as a cataloging agent for District of Columbia Landmarks and as the State Liason Body for the National Register was briefly discussed. The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. Francis D. Lethbridge, F.A.I.A., Chairman of the Joint Committee on Landmarks, would be present later in the meeting at Chairman Brown's invitation to discuss problems such as Fine Arts representation on the Landmarks Committee.

b. Department of Interior, National Memorial Committee. The Secretary told the Commission Members of a plan by the Secretary of Interior to form an interagency Committe to be named the National Memorial Committee and to have the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts or his designee represented on the Committee. The Committee would provide a clearing house and referral service for the multitude of diverse and often inappropriate memorials requested for District of Columbia locations. After discussion, the Members felt that this effort was worthwhile. The Secretary said that Miss Shirley Kyle of the Secretary of Interior's Office would be attending the meeting later in the morning to answer any questions the Commission might have.

c. Department of the Army, Administration Building at Arlington Cemetery. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings for a proposed new administration building for Arlington Cemetery. The marble-clad one-story design was symetrical and square in plan providing facilities for funeral participants, Chaplains, the Cemetery Superintendent and staff. The structure was surrounded by parking but otherwise located near the cemetery entrance as proposed in the approved master plan. The Architect's intention was to design a simple classical building with flat roof, exposed columns and glass walls which could in concept be an underplayed version of the nearby Chapel-Columbarium. The Commission Members questioned the perimeter parking and the thickness of the roof facia and the heaviness of the columns, but witheld further comment until a conference with the Architect later in the day.

d. D.C. Government, Department of General Services, New Correctional Institution for the District of Columbia, proposed design. The Secretary

presented drawings and models for the new facility to replace the Old D.C. Jail on 19th and East Capitol Streets, S.E. The proposed design was to be located at 19th and E Streets, S.E., on the grounds of the D.C. General Hospital next to the Congressional Cemetery. Designs were for a concrete six-story star-shaped structure with 80 inmate community modules complete with recreation room and dining room. Small exterior windows would be mirror glass and the general tone of the facility would be more like a neutral office building than a jail. The wall and barless exterior would be landscaped and treated in a fachion not yet determined. The Members put further consideration off until a meeting with project representatives later in the afternoon.

e. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development.

1. Shipstead-Luce Act.

(a.) S.L. 73-9, 2626 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., proposed office building. The Assistant Secretary presented this five floor brick office building, to be located on Pennsylvania Avenue, east of the entrance to Georgetown. The design showed an arched showwindow motif on the first floor and a smaller window division pattern on the second, third, and fourth floors. The top floor picked up the window rhythm of the first floor. The Commission decided the visibility of this location merited a site inspection.

(b.) S.L. 73-10, 2555 M Street, N.W., proposed office building. The Assistant Secretary presented this five-story brick office building to the Commission. The commercial structure was by the same Architects as S.L. 73-9, and in a similar style combining arches and different fenestration patterns on different floors. The Commission felt that the design was too complicated, but witheld further action until the inspection and interview later.

(c.) S.L. 73-8, 400 North Capitol Street, N.W., proposed office building. The Secretary presented this commercial office building which was masonry-clad with modular window units and green glass, designed by Architect Vlastamil Koubeck. The Commission had no objection to the geometrics of the design, but questioned the use of green glass and felt that in this important area where most other buildings visible from the Capitol and Union Station were built in marble, white marble should be recommended for the exterior. An interview with the Architect later in the day was cancelled.

(d.) Appendix 1, Approved. Exhibit A.

2. Old Georgetown Act.

(a.) O.G. 72-3, 1000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Dodge Center, review of previous action. The Secretary confirmed the Commission's approval of this design pending the answers to certain legal questions. All obstacles to the issuance of a permit for this Georgetown Waterfront Building had been lifted by the District of Columbia Government, and the Commission's favorable reaction to the building's design had been transmitted after pollint the Members. Exhibit B.

(b.) Appendix 2, Approved.

f. Federal Bicentennial Coordinating Center, proposed seal. The Secretary presented a round red, white and blue eagle design for this organization to use as its logo. The Chairman suggested that the design was not of the highest quality, to which the other Members agreed, but they agreed that for its temporary limited use, serious revision would not be necessary.

g. Legislation.

1. H.R. 16261 - 7/9/72 - Mr. Gray - 92nd Congress. To amend the Public Buildings Act of 1969 as amended, to provide for the construction of a civic center in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. The Assistant Secretary presented this item and the next item together. Both bills were to build an Eisenhower Memorial near Mt. Vernon Square which would be a center for conventions, etc. The Commission endorsed the bills, with the suggestion that they be modified to require design approval of the Commission of Fine Arts.

2. H.R. 19199 - 8/3/72 - Mr. Gray - 92nd Congress. Same as above.

3. H.R. 16081 - 7/27/72 - Mr. Koch - 92nd Congress. To provide for suitable works of art in Federal Buildings. The Secretary presented and the Commission approved this requirement for using a percentage of construction cost to provide original art work for new federal buildings as constructed.

4. H.R. 14563 - 4/20/72 - Mr. Whitehurst - 92nd Congress. To authorize the Administrator of General Services Administration to contract for the construction of certain parking facilities on federally owned property. The Secretary presented this item with the suggestion that the Commission question use of private contractors on public land and some of the random locations permitted by the legislation. The Chairman stated that this might provide a creative solution to the problem. The Members concurred with the Chairman, and the bill was recommended.

5. S. 3881 - 8/4/72 - Mr. Chiles - 92nd Congress. To provide that meetings of Government agencies and Congressional committees shall

be open to the public, and for other purposes. The Secretary presented this item and the Commission approved this effort at public information. It was understood that the Commission could meet in executive session when necessary. The Secretary informed the Commission that he had already discussed this subject with the Justice Department and there was nothing which would affect the operation nor be adverse to the function of the Commission of Fine Arts.

II. INTERVIEWS

a. Joint Committee on Landmarks, Mr. Francis D. Lethbridge. 12:05 p.m. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Lethbridge, who joined the Commission sitting at the table. The Chairman thanked Mr. Lethbridge for coming and pledged the Commission of Fine Arts continued support for the Committee's fine work, and the desire for a strong, permanent liason. Mr. Lethbridge briefed the Commission on the work of the Committee and the need for formalizing it with by-laws, etc. Mr. Lethbridge stated his desire for Commission of Fine Arts liason saying it would be mutually helpful and that he was ready to entertain any serious proposal. The Chairman responded that tha Commission would prefer to maintain a strong liason without impairing its objectivity. All agreed that the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission and the Mayor's Office should be formally represented with liason representatives attending the Committee meetings, and that the Commission of Fine Arts would continue to approve or disapprove all candidates for Committee membership, Exhibit C.

b. Department of Interior, Creation of the National Memorial Committee. 12:10 p.m. Miss Kyle represented the Secretary of Interior. The Chairman welcomed Miss Kyle, who joined the Commission sitting at the table. Miss Kyle briefly stated the Deaprtment of Interior's objectives in such a new committee, urging the approval and participation of the Commission of Fine Arts. The Chairman stated the Commission's willingness to back the proposal, and his willingness to have the Commission's representative on the Committee. Exhibit D.

c. Department of the Army, Administration Building, Arlington National Cemetery. 12:15 p.m. The Army, Cemetery Administration, and Architects were represented by the Assistant Superintendent Robert Beller of the Cemetery. and Mr. Loren Sage, of Mills, Petticord and Mills, Architects. The Secretary introduced Mr. Sage who made brief description of the building's function and location. The Commission discussed elimination of the perimeter parking and diminution of the column size and facia thickness. The Architect agreed to restudy these features. Exhibit E.

d. D.C. Department of General Services, New Correctional Institution for the District of Columbia, proposed design. 12:30 p.m. This project

was represented by Mr. Pavlik of the Department of General Services: Jack A. Thalheimer and Leon Brown, Architects; and Lester Collins, Landscape Architect. The Chairman greeted the project representatives and summarized the Commission's approval after a brief presentation by Mr. Thalheimer. Mr. Roche suggested that if at all possible giving all cells a window would be desirable. With the indication that further details on the landscaping of the project would be forthcoming, the representatives left. Exhibit F.

At 1:00 p.m. the Chairman called for lunch and the Commission retired.

INSPECTION: At 2:00 p.m. the Assistant Secretary and the Members of the Commission went by car to 26th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and 26th and M Streets, N.W. to inspect the sites for the proposed office buildings, S.L. 73-9 and 73-10. The Members felt that the proposed buildings would not have an effect on the sites and the Chairman instructed the driver to return to the Commission Offices.

e. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development. 2:30 p.m.

1. S.L. 73-9 and 73-10, Buildings at 2626 Pennsylvania Avenue and 2555 M Street, N.W. The projects were represented by Mr. David Holtz of Cohen and Haft, Architects, and Mr. William Savage of Savage-Fogarty, the client. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Holtz who presented two perspective renderings of the proposed buildings. They reflected some changes in character over the drawings previously presented. The Commission excused Messers. Holtz and Savage and considered the changes, finding the exterior treatments even less satisfactory. The project representatives were called back to the room and told that the Commission recommended restudy of the facade treatment of both buildings.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT CASES September 20, 1972

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
SL 73-2	2825 Rock Creek Drive Government of Canada	Swimming pool and addition to building
ACTION:	Approved, 8/9/72	
3	801 17th St., N.W. Lafayette Partnership	Sidewalk paving along 17th and H St., N.W.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/8/72	
4	600 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Watergate Improvements	Awnings for outside cafe.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/22/72	
5	7966 East Beach Dr., N.W. Albert Masson	Brick up existing garage door opening.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 8/12/72	
6	2626 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Savage Fogarty Companies Inc.	Office Building
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Request clearer 8 x 10 photographs of existing sites taken from at least three points of view. 9/15/72	
7	2555 M St., N.W. Savage Fogarty Companies Inc.	Office Building
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Request clearer 8 x 10 photographs of existing sites taken from at least three points of view. 9/15/72	

Exhibit A.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT CASES September 20,1972

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
OG 73-		
3	1000 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Maloney Concrete Co.	Demolish existing structures (except historic building at 1010 Wis. Ave., N.W.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 7/20/72	
4	1415 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. M. Crocker	Remodelling existing door, submission of awning sample.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 7/21/72	
5	1520 32nd St., N.W. Helen Livingston	Replace chimney, add flue liner, extend height 24"
ACTION:	Issue permit. 7/21/72	
6	3618 Prospect St., N.W. H.S. Bogan	Rear addition, mezzanine and attic addition.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Submit brick sample and colors as developed. 7/21/72	
7	3301 M St., N.W. Douglas Williams	D/f stencil cut sign in aluminum cabinet on 10' pole.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 7/21/72	
8	1601 30th St., N.W. Neve Zuercher Zeitung	Redwood patio with r/w fence.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Recommend exterior of fence railing be stained gray. 7/21/72	
9	3021 Q St., N.W. David Kenney	7" vent through roof, max. hgt. 4'
ACTION:	Issue permit. Paint to match roof. 7/21/72	
10	3338 M St., N.W. Louis Weinstein	Changes in M St. facade.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 7/19/72	
12	3604 Prospect St., N.W. Samuel Bialek	Three story brick addition to rear of residence.
ACTION:	Preliminary design approved. Request review of final drawings, details and material samples. 8/8/72	

Exhibit B.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT CASES September 20, 1972

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
13	3028 Dent Pl., N.W. Lohva Wakefield	Alteration and additions to rear sun porch.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Paint to match. 8/8/72	
14	3025 O St., N.W. Charlotte Crowley	Replace window sash w/new small paned sash to harmonize w/adjacent properties.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Present windows are more in character w/building than proposed small pane sash. Recommend retention of existing sash. 8/22/72	
15	1214 28th St., N.W. Arthur & Patricia Moore	Renovation of existing building and addition of additional level w/mansard roof at street level.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Suggest roof top mechanical equipment be painted to match metal roofing or brick. 8/23/72	
16	3233 K St., N.W. Herbert Swarthout	Repair and sandblast bricks; replace doors and windows front elevation. Replace awning, add exterior lighting.
Action:	Do not issue permit. Recommend replacing existing windows or a new design w/center mullion. Also omit new awning or replace existing w/one of same size and shape. 9/13/72.	
17	1241 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Alin Friedman	Erect flat sign in place of existing sign.
ACTION	Do not issue permit. Recommend study of alternate ways of signing, e.g. suspending or attaching smaller sign at bottom edge of overlay. 9/13/72.	
18	3604 Prospect St., N.W. Sam Bialek	Three story brick addition at rear of residence.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 9/13/72	
19	1815 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Shrader Sound Inc.	Awning
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Recommend substituting shed type for vaulted awning. 9/13/72	
20	1075 Thomas Jefferson St., N.W. A.L. Wheeler	Canvas canopy.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Recommend smaller canopy extending no further than planting box. 9/13/72	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN CASES September 20, 1972

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
21	1742 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Glone, Inc.	Install new back lighted sign, between windows on 17th above overhang, flush against bldg.

ACTION: Do not issue permit. Design inappropriate. Recommend single faced horizontal sign mounted over entrance. Request accurate dwg showing exact location, type of lettering, etc. 9/13/72

October 11, 1972

Mr. Francis D. Lethridge, Chairman
Joint Committee on Landmarks
Keyes, Lethbridge, and Condon
1320 19th Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lethbridge:

The members of the Commission appreciated the opportunity to talk with you at our meeting last Wednesday about the work of the Joint Committee on Landmarks. We were glad to hear of the progress being made and feel that the proposed by-laws will further strengthen the Committee's role in landmark identification and preservation.

Our principal question about the by-laws was whether or not the Commission should have voting status on matters before the Committee. Upon further consideration the Commission does not feel this would be appropriate since the same matters might very well be coming before us for independent review. On the other hand, good communication will strengthen the work of both groups in the area of landmark preservation, and to this end we recommend the by-laws be amended to include a formal relation to and representation of the staff of this Commission. Also our nomination of landmarks and reports of architectural and historic data should be in the minutes of the Committee's meetings which is not the case at the present. In fact, "the memoranda of actions" which comprise the current record of the Committee meetings is inadequate and should be replaced by regular minutes.

With these two changes to the by-laws, the relations between the three sponsoring agencies and Committee will be substantially strengthened.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Planning Commission and the District Liaison Officer for their concurrence so that the by-laws can be put into effect as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Exhibit C.

October 21, 1972

Miss Kyle
Secretary Office
Department of Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Miss Kyle:

We were glad to meet with you at our meeting on September 20, 1972, and discuss the establishment of a National Memorials Committee.

While Congress will still retain the authority to authorize construction of memorials on parklands, the committee that is proposed will certainly help to offset needless and unworthy proposals.

We fully support your efforts and hope that the committee can be established before the beginning of the next session of Congress.

Sincerely,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Exhibit D.

October 11, 1972

Mr. Pete Zuyus
Baltimore Engineering District
POB 1715
Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Attn: NABEN/M

Dear Mr. Zuyus:

This will confirm our request for further study of the design for the Administration Building at Arlington National Cemetery which we reviewed at our meeting on September 20, 1972.

The Commission, as you know, feels that the design is too overbearing and heavy-handed. Incorporating the same motifs that were the basis for the chapel design was a mistake, as that building should stand out by contrast and not by similiar or a different scale. The Commission also requests that the strip parking adjoining the building be eliminated. Instead the area surrounding the building should be simply landscaped, in keeping with the rest of the cemetery.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 18, and we would be happy to review any revised designs at that time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Exhibit E.

Lt. Col. Samuel Starobin
Director
Dept. of General Services
613 G Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Colonel Starobin:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on September 20, 1972 reviewed the design for the new correctional institution for the District of Columbia, on a site adjoining the present jail near the D.C. General Hospital.

I am happy to report that the Commission approved the project. The program obviously has been given a great deal of study, a fact that is reflected in the quality of the design. Our chief criticism is that all of the cell units cannot be afforded equal access to the outside wall with natural light and windows. However, it would appear that the restrictions of the site, District regulations on height, and the required population density make this impossible.

There also remains the question of the means by which the public spaces will be separated from the prison grounds. A number of methods were discussed but since no specific proposal was made, the approval of this aspect of the design is withheld until a complete landscaping plan can be furnished for the commission's review.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for October 18 and we would be happy to consider the matter further at that time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Exhibit F.

September 28, 1972

Mr. Bill Hart
Federal-D.C. Bicentennial
Coordinator for the President
Bicentennial Coordination Center
Room 5141
18th and F Streets,N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Hart:

This willconfirm an earlier conversation with you in which I reported the Commission's approval of the proposed seal for the Federal Bicentennial Coordinating Group.

We will be happy to advise on any other matters that may arise from time to time. We usually meet on the third Wednesday of every month and if you let us know a week or so in advance we can schedule your presentation.

Sincerely,

C. M. Atherton
Secretary

Jun 23, 2017